IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2005 1918A

Katsuyoshi OKABE et al. : Confirmation No. 9843

Serial No. 10/560,051 : Group Art Unit 3643

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated November 3, 2009, the period for response having been extended by two months to April 3, 2010, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.